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STAFFDEL DEHAAN/TINKER

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL DEHAAN/TINKER

1. MESSRS. DALE DEHAAN AND JERRY TINKER OF THE SENATE
JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION ARE PROPOSING
TO TRAVEL TO THAILAND AND VIETNAM LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST.
STAFFERS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VIETNAMESE REGARDING
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THEIR ITINERARY. STAFFDEL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:
DR. JEAN MAYER, PRESIDENT, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, MEDFORD,
MASSACHUSETTS; DR. LASALLE LEFFALL, PRESIDENT-ELECT,
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, WASHINGTON, D.C.; THE MOST
REVEREND PHILIP M. HANNON, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA; MS. MILDRED KAUFMAN, CHAIRMAN, FOOD-NUTRITION
SECTION, AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, CHAPEL HILL,

NORTH CAROLINA.

2. THIS DELEGATION WILL BE TRAVELLING AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR KENNEDY THROUGH EUROPE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA TO PROMOTE THE RESOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES OF DEEP CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE. THEY WILL SEEK TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF FAMILY REUNION PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE REPATRIATION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES. THEY WILL ALSO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES AND OTHER RELATED HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. THEIR ITINERARY IS NOT YET FIRM AND STAFFERS HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE ON LOCAL FLIGHT SCHEDULES DIRECT FROM BANGKOK TO HANOI. THEY ARE AWARE OF A DIRECT FLIGHT VIA VIETNAM AIR ON WEDNESDAY, BUT DESIRE INFORMATION ON ALTERNATIVES, IF ANY, BEFORE FINALIZING THEIR PLANS. THEY PREFER NOT TO TRAVEL TO HANOI VIA LAOS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BANGKOK FORWARDING ASAP LOCAL FLIGHT DATA ON AVAILABLE FLIGHTS INTO HANOI IN ORDER TO ASSIST STAFFDEL. DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD DETAILS OF VISIT AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO US. CHRISTOPHER

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